

THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS

Minutes

November 6, 2008

A regular Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Private Investigators was held at the Board offices, Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY on November 6, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger McDonald, Acting Chairman
Jim Ringo
Gary Tinker
Mary Pedersen
Daniel Triplett
Kathryn Witt

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Gerald W. Hoppmann, Division Director
Susan Ellis, Fiscal Section Supervisor
Barbara Rucker, Supervisor
Adriana Lang, Board Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Edward Mercer

OTHERS PRESENT

Ryan Halloran, Attorney
Angela Evans, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Roger McDonald, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2, 2008 meeting was called to the attention of the members. A motion was made by Mr. Jim Ringo to approve the minutes. The motion, seconded by Ms. Mary Pedersen, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board reviewed the Financial Statement indicating the balances of \$146,932.85 from July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008 and. A motion was made by Ms. Mary Pedersen to accept the Financial Statement. The motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Ringo, carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gerald Hoppmann Introduced Ms. Barbara Rucker as the Division of Occupations and Professions new supervisor. The Board welcomed Ms. Rucker.

Mr. Hoppmann provided the Board an update on the Schroeder Measurement Technology (SMT) amended exam status. He also stated at the next scheduled Board meeting, Ms. Dana Anderson-Pancoe will have an approximately 1 ½ hour telephone conference with the Subject Matter Expert (SME) Focus Group to review and finalize the new private investigator exam. Mr. Hoppmann suggested that the Board invite a couple of representatives of the Kentucky Professional Associations to attend the conference call. Mr. Jim Ringo made a motion to authorize Mr. Gary Tinker and Mr. Gerald Hoppmann to work with the SME Focus Group. The motion, seconded by Mr. Daniel Triplett, carried.

Mr. Hoppmann informed the Board that he's working with Mr. Tinker and the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) on the regulations amendments. He also stated that Mr. Halloran, Ms. Evans, and himself will attend the Sub-Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2008. Ms. Mary Pedersen stated that she will also attend the LRC meeting.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Board reviewed the licensure status report of November 6, 2008

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Mary Pedersen informed the Board that the Complaint Committee discussed two matters, and will continue the discussion at its next scheduled Complaint Committee Meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ryan Halloran introduced Ms. Angela Evans as the Board's new attorney. The Board welcomed Ms. Evans.

Mr. Halloran provided the Board a copy of a correspondence from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the Private Investigator licensing exemptions of Bona Fide Employee.

Mr. Halloran provided the Board an update on the Whitehall Bureau, Inc./Brian Finney case.

At Mr. Hoppmann advice, Ms. Mary Pedersen made a motion to have the Office of Inspector General (OIG) serve another Cease and Desist letter to Mr. Finney, and authorized their attorney to move forward with the injunction against Whitehall Bureau, Inc. and Brian Finney. The motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Ringo, carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gary Tinker stated that he checked the Board's website and the Board's website have not been updated yet. He asked Mr. Hoppmann to follow up on the Board's request.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gerald Hoppmann provided the Board an update on the ID card issue and resolution.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Office of the Attorney General regarding their office Reorganization.

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Anthony Young regarding possible security breach. The Board requested staff members to contact Mr. Young to ask him to provide additional information.

The Board discussed KRS 329.035 and the possibility of hiring a Compliance Officer. Mr. Mary Pedersen made a motion to authorize Mr. Gerald Hoppmann, Ms. Kathryn Witt and Mr. Gary Tinker to draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) and bring it to the next scheduled meeting for a review. The motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Ringo, carried.

Mr. Gary Tinker made a motion to cancel the Board Meeting scheduled for December 4, 2008. The motion, seconded by Ms. Mary Pedersen, carried.

Mr. Gary Tinker made a motion to schedule a Special Board Meeting for December 11, 2008. The motion, seconded by Ms. Mary Pedersen, carried.

The Board discussed a forthcoming development of the current study guide. Ms. Mary Pedersen made a motion to authorize Mr. Gary Tinker to work with the professional associations, to develop a new study guide. The motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Ringo, carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Gary Tinker gave the following report from the Applications Review Committee. Mr. Jim Ringo made a motion to approve the applications committee recommendations. The motion, seconded by Mr. Daniel Triplett, carried.

INDIVIDUALS APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS: *Kenneth Crowe, James Finneran, Michael Green, Ronald Hopkins, Beth Richardson, Jesse Sallee, Sharai Smith, Joseph Stephenson, Heather Stern, Nick Valle, Ronald Washington, Jeffrey Watkins.*

RECIPROCAL APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS: *Joseph Allen Stephenson.*

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CONTINUED

COMPANIES APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS: *Abney and Hopkins Fire Protection/Trace Fire Protection and Safety Consultants, Ltd., Cal Crim, Inc., and EletroTek Consultants, Inc.*

RENEWAL APPROVED: *Travis W. Bell.*

RENEWAL DENIED: *Lee Adam England.*

REINSTATEMENT APPROVED: *Timothy J. Rourke.*

EXAM EXTENSION: *Nick Anthony Valle.*

CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVED: *The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation 2008.*

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Ringo to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation for eligible members in attendance at today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Tinker, carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Roger McDonald informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., the Application Review Committee Meeting at 10:00 p.m. Having no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Ringo to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Gary Tinker, carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

APPROVED